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A Scene near the close of the first act in "The Pirates of Penzance," produced with great success this week at the Thistle Rink by the Edmonton Amateur Operatic Society. Such crowded houses greeted the company on Wednesday and Thursday that it has been decided that in addition to Friday's performance the opera will be repeated on Saturday night. An extended notice of the production appears elsewhere in the Saturday News.

PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT.

Owing to the delay which a great many of our city subscribers have experienced in receiving the Saturday News when sent through the mail, we have decided to start a delivery system of our own in Edmonton.

We would ask all those who wish to have their paper delivered to kindly send in their names and addresses without delay to the Saturday News Office on Howard St. P. O. Drawer 24.

Note and Comment.

At the time of writing the principal subject of complaint within the constituency of the Saturday News is still the weather. Winter continues to linger in the lap of Spring, as the rural correspondent down East used to put it. "A bad thing for the country" everyone is saying. But the farmers are not worrying and other backward years have not interfered with a large yield. And few of the new-comers can truthfully say that the weather is worse than that which they left in their old homes.

For instance here is despatch from New York city under date of April 19: New Yorkers today experienced another reminder that winter has not yet had a farewell. A cold east wind, accompanied by a steady fall of snow, gave anything but a springlike aspect to the day."

Here is another, two days later: El Paso, Texas, April 21.—"Snow fell this morning at a lively rate for more than an hour. This is the latest snow fall ever known here. The temperature, which was thirty six degrees, did damage to small fruit and truck gardens in the valley. The Golden State Co., Ltd., on the overland railroad was six

hours late on account of the snow drifts.

Similar despatches are appearing from points in Iowa, Nebraska, and other central states from which the bulk of our new American citizens are coming and the issue of the Canadian Courier, published at Toronto, which just arrived a few minutes before this was written, contains the following doleful ditty:

The ice is lingering in the Bay,
The gripe is clutching fondly
still;
There is nothing like an April day
To make you very sad and ill.

Cheer up! down-hearted new-comer, the fact that you are shivering does not mean that you have come to the neighborhood of the North Pole to make your home!

If you wish to say something in favor of a man and cannot, tell the public that the C.P.R. is his enemy. If you wish to attack him and find it difficult to do so, describe him as the friend of the C.P.R. These are two of the fundamental maxims of a certain school of western politicians. The Edmonton Bulletin acted on the first of these this week when it undertook to show that Mr. Mackenzie of McLeod was being persecuted over the Blairmore townsite case because his actions did not suit the big railway corporation. Wouldn't it have been more to the point, if instead of indulging in this tirade against the C.P.R. it had undertaken to defend Mr. Mackenzie's connection with the particular matter that has been under discussion? It is entered into at length in another part of this issue of the Saturday News. What unprejudiced

man after examining the facts that have been brought out can say that Mr. Mackenzie is entitled to sympathy? If the C.P.R. were responsible for bringing the transaction to light that has been under investigation, which, of course, however, it is not, it would be rendering the public a genuine service.

The acceptance by Mr. A. G. Harrison of the secretaryship of the Edmonton Board of Trade leaves the position of Dominion land agent vacant. Pending a permanent choice, Mr. Alexander Norquay, who has been in the service for many years and than whom no one is better qualified to fulfil the duties of the office, is in charge. We do not know that either Mr. Norquay or his friends are urging his appointment to the post, but we are certain that if it should be offered to him it would be in the best public interests. If a man, unfamiliar with the work, is brought in and placed over Mr. Norquay's head, the chances are that it will be simply because the latter has not been a worker on behalf of the party that at present holds the reins of power in the Dominion. Here is a chance for the Minister of the Interior to show that he is anxious to administer his department for the benefit of the public rather than for that of his immediate political supporters.

After the exceptionally hard winter, that we have not yet shaken off, it is natural that the Western Canadian public has followed very closely the steps being taken to settle the troubles among the miners at Crow's Nest points.

With the provincial Minister of Public Works, Mr. Cushing, who stands high in the confidence of all parties and Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy Minister of Labor, on the spot, and with Sir William Mulock, the first minister of labor proposed as chairman of the conciliation board, a settlement should be ultimately reached. The Ottawa authorities have not been disposed to enforce the law, which imposes penalties on those who declare a strike or lockout, without first resorting to a Board of Conciliation. Doubtless they consider that the threat of enforcement will be sufficient to attain the result that they desire. There is this to remember too, that the provisions of the new act had been in force for such a short while when this trouble arose that it was possible that but few of the workers were aware of their offence.

Despite all the agitation which has continued for the past two years, the post office authorities still fail to keep in touch with western progress. From all over the three provinces complaints still arise. A case in point is provided by Strathcona, where the citizens are at present calling for a new building. For suitable quarters a rent of \$100 a month would have to be paid, yet the department's appropriation is but \$25. A demand has now been made by the owners of the present building for \$65 a month rental. Unless this is paid, the postmaster must move by July 1st. The situation moves the Plaindealer, the Liberal newspaper of the neighboring municipality, to make the following significant comment:

"It looks as though it would be up to the city pastors, the ladies' aid society or the health and relief committee of the city council to canvass for subscriptions for the post office to keep it from being landed in the street with no place to go. Will not some benevolently inclined citizen, say a real estate man, contribute a suitable site, and the relief

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A new record price for First street property was established last week when Aylwin & Co. negotiated the sale of the 50 foot lot at the corner of First and Rice streets at \$600 per foot and the adjoining 45 feet on First street at \$500 per foot to North Battleford persons whose names are not given out. These purchases give them a very desirable corner with 95 foot frontage on First street and 125 feet deep.

In an interview in Winnipeg the other day Theodore Knappen, formerly secretary of the Western Canada Immigration association, stated that at the present time there are over 3,000 vacant residences in the city of Des Moines. Many retired farmers have left the city and returned to the farms, made vacant by the exodus to Saskatchewan and Alberta. The cash rentals of farms decreased one third for the same cause. One third of the farms are now tilled by untrained farmers and the production of the land decreased from two and a half to three million bushels in certain sections.

At a meeting of the Medicine Hat council last week Messrs. Malcolm and Miller of the Western Canneries Ltd., told of the prospects before the concern. Up to the present \$230,000 stock had been subscribed. They were at present on a tour, they stated, investigating the merits of Medicine Hat, Calgary and Edmonton as possible locations. About 65 hands would be employed, 25 of these being men. When the question of inducements was taken up, Ald. Hutchinson asked if free gas would not be sufficient. Mr. Malcolm replied that some financial support would be expected in addition. A committee was finally appointed to go into the matter.

There are rumors in Calgary that an American syndicate will put up a \$100,000 apartment house in that city and that there will be similar ventures in Edmonton, Saskatoon and Regina. There is no question that under present conditions such structures would pay handsomely and it would not be at all surprising if several were built in Edmonton during the coming summer. Mr. J. H. Garlepy put in the foundation for one on Fifth street south, just off Jasper, last autumn.

W. J. Webster of Edmonton, during a recent visit to Stettler, bought 40 acres of the Hanson farm, adjacent to the town, at \$60 an acre and took an option on the remaining 120 acres. A few months ago Mr. Hanson disposed of the farm to J. Van Roggen for \$25 an acre.

Real estate is still very active in Strathcona. What is known as "Block II" a property on the road between Strathcona and Edmonton situated at the point where the down grade commences, was sold last week by George Hutton to James Gregg and Mrs. A. P. Skinner. It will be subdivided and put on the market.

J. G. Tipton and Son are putting up a three storey block next the old Plaindeals office, and W. H. Sheppard another building of that height between the Bank of Commerce and the Strathcona House.

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The Pirates of Penzance.

It is true that from the stand-point of the music lover, there is much that is lacking in Edmonton just at present. The distance that it is necessary for celebrities in this branch of artistic effort to travel in order to reach the city makes their coming about as infrequent as anglers' visits. This week, therefore, the good fortune which befell Calgary in having the opportunity of hearing England's great violinist, Marie Hall, naturally made the people of the capital not a little envious and many regrets were expressed that no one had had the enterprise to bring this great Englishwoman here. It was a shame that the chance was allowed to slip by but the loss was made up in another way. Instead of bringing in a musician of distinction, our musicians showed what they could do themselves, by producing one of the best of Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas, "The Pirates of Penzance."

As the Saturday News goes to press two performances have been given before crowded houses at the Thistle Rink and each has been enthusiastically received. The opera will be sung again on Friday and Saturday evenings.

To Mr. Vernon W. Barford, who has trained the chorus and the orchestra, the warmest congratulations are due. As a musician, an organizer and a tireless worker on behalf of the cause of good music Edmonton has reason to be proud of him.

The work of the orchestra under his baton is worthy of particular mention. To all who were present it proved a surprising revelation of the talent which the city possesses. An effort should be made to place it on a permanent basis. Such an organization could accomplish wonders in improving musical taste.

From every stand-point the chorus

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was a delight. It sang and acted with spirit. Never was there more picturesque Pirates. And when we come to speak of Major General Stanley's numerous daughters, what shall we say? In the first act they won all hearts but it needed the midnight alarm which roused the Stanley household later in the performance to give the audience the full measure of their charm. Was it any wonder that the severest criticism was heard, on the first night, of the action of the management in placing the chairs so far back from the stage? Those who returned for the second and third nights, did not fail to bring their opera glasses.

Coming down to those in the caste, little but praise can be given. The role of Mabel called for vocal and dramatic ability of no small order and it could have been in no better hands than those of Mrs. Gagnier. Playing opposite her in the part of Frederic, the pirate apprentice, was Mr. Thomas Kelly, an old favorite with Edmonton audiences. His tenor solos were admirably given, while his enunciation in the speaking parts, and also that of Mr. Birks in the part of

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the pirate king, was an example which most of the others would have done well to follow.

The love making scenes between Frederic and Mabel should be especially noted. These are a tremendous weakness in most amateur productions. The acting as a rule is most perfunctory and serves to discredit the whole performance. But those to whom these roles were assigned in "The Pirates" fortunately took their work seriously and realized, that having it part to play, they should play it whole-heartedly, in accordance with the best standards of dramatic art.

Mr. Birks' voice and figure made him an admirable Pirate King. The work of Miss Phillips, as Ruth, a trying part, was painstaking. Her trio with Mr. Birks and Mr. Kelly "A Paradox" was one of the features of the evening. Mr. Silas, the pirate lieutenant, won new laurels. Mr. Griffethes, the Major General, has a first class singing voice, but it was unfortunate that so few could hear all the genuinely humorous lines which he is called upon to speak. Mr. Mantle, as the Sergeant in charge of the detachment of police, whose appearance added much to the merriment of the evening, made the most of the role but

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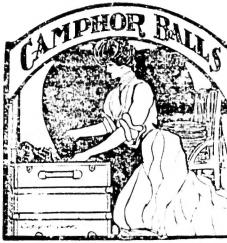
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it was a pity that a man with so splendid a voice as he has did not have a better chance to display it.

Miss Lauder, Miss Cameron and Mrs. Tillen as Edith, Kate and Isabella, had small parts in which they did themselves credit. The first named young lady, in particular, showed capacity for more important work.

The members of the chorus were:

First Sopranos.

Mrs. C. B. Bowman, Mrs. H. B. Spratt, Mrs. V. Tillen, Miss K. Candy, Miss A. Hetherington, Miss C. Lauder, Miss J. Lynch, Miss G. Nobbs, Miss E. Protheroe, Miss Tucker, Miss M. Tucker, Miss A. Watson.

Second Sopranos.

Mrs. L. Charlesworth, Miss. E. H. Cope, Mrs. V. W. Barford, Miss K. E. Cameron, Miss. S. Cameron, Mrs. D. Stewart, Miss E. Swarbrick, Miss L. Umbach, Miss A. Young.

Tenors.

Mr. A. Bloomer, Mr. E. H. Cope, Mr. R. Kenneth, Mr. A. C. Murray, Mr. C. A. Paborn, Mr. A. G. Reid, Mr. F. Urquhart, Mr. E. H. Shewell, Mr. F. Shivilock, Mr. W. J. Tomkins.

Basses.

Mr. F. R. Arthur, Mr. C. E. Cope, Mr. S. W. Candy, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. A. Howland, Mr. E. W. Mantle, Mr. A. C. MacKenzie, Mr. F. Niblett, Mr. R. Pierson, Mr. J. Prest, Mr. W. A. Stowe, Mr. J. G. Walker.

The members of the orchestra were: First violins, Messrs T. Irving, H. Gruner, E. P. Ganginelli, and J. W. McFusker; second violins, Messrs F. Shanks, A. B. McCurdy, violas, Dr. C. N. Cobbett, and W. J. Hendra; cellos, C. Lagourgue, C. Jones; flute, A. Hutton; clarinettes, Messrs L. O'Neil, R. A. Lyman, cornets, Messrs D. J. Bourgeois, A. B. Griffen; bassoon, Mr. J. W. Bowles; drums, Mr. G. Watkins; piano, Mr. G. Phillips.

The energetic officers to whom much of the success of the production is due are: T. M. Turnbull, President; R. Kenneth, Secretary; C. B. Bowman, vice-president; M. D. Silas, Treasurer; Committee, Messrs E. C. Cope, R. W. Day, T. H. Griffeths and S. W. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCrimmon have now returned to the city after a very pleasant three months' trip in the East, during which they visited Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, St. Paul, etc. Mrs. McCrimmon has not yet quite recovered from the slight accident she met with in Winnipeg, but expects to be about again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Sheppard reached Strathcona after their Old Country trip on Sunday. Mr. Sheppard has been engaged in immigration work in the old land during the winter.

Note and Comment

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committee to persuade the by law committee not to prosecute the Post Office Department or Postmaster Blain if he draws in a few fine timbers from Ellerslie and erects thereon an inexpensive building from which to distribute His Majesty's mails? There's a surplus at Ottawa but that is required for the election purposes."

A movement is under way for the establishment of an independent western train service. All mails at present leave Winnipeg for points tributary to the C.P.R. main line by the transcontinental trains. No matter how late these happen to be, no mail can be sent out till they arrive. The demand for a change is certainly a reasonable one. Why should the whole of the train service of Western Canada be made dependent upon the progress which two daily C.P.R. trains make coming along the north shore of Lake Superior.

The application of the International Heating and Lighting Company for a twenty year artificial gas franchise passed the Edmonton Council at its meeting this week, the aldermen yielding to the company on the details that were in dispute, and the agreement will now be submitted to the ratemakers along with that made with the Northwest Company for a natural gas franchise. It has taken a long time to come to this stage and a great deal of discussion of the terms of the two arrangements will undoubtedly ensue before a final settlement is reached. The Bulletin the other day took up considerable space in a criticism of Mayor Griesbach on the strength of an alleged statement of his that the city did not want gas. The folly of such an assertion is apparent and the Mayor has shown most clearly that he did not make it. His opinion, he declared, is stated in the commissioner's report of Feb. 19, which reads:

"It may always be assumed that artificial gas can be produced in the City of Edmonton, but your commissioners are of the opinion that it would be produced at a cost which would prohibit its utilization for power purposes. The discovery of natural gas is sufficient and paying qualities would be a tremendous advantage to the city of Edmonton, and your commissioners are of opinion that nothing should be done to prevent the fullest development of the natural gas industry."

This is strong ground and in examining the two agreements that are to be placed before them, the citizens should do so from the standpoint here adopted.

The committee appointed at Ot-

tawa to investigate the alleged lumber combine has found that the prices charged for this commodity are excessive and that the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association and the Alberta Retail Lumber Association amount to a combination for the purpose of unduly enhancing prices. The same is true of the two associations of manufacturers recently formed in British Columbia. All this serves to confirm what has been for a long time past a wide-spread suspicion and the Government will now be under the necessity of devising some measure by which a remedy can be applied. Very few suggestions have been made along this line.

Miss Haldane and her brothers John K. Powell and Frank Haldane have moved to 296, Sixth street. Phone 507.

Mrs. O. H. Bush will receive for the first time in her new home on Eighth and McKay, on Tuesday 30th, afternoon and evening.

License Inspector Cooper, who returned this week from an official visit to Lake St. Anne, states that many settlers are taking up land all along the route of the G.T.P.

The newly-launched Gleichen newspaper has been christened *The Call*.

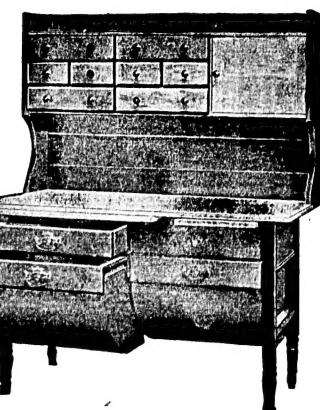
Word reached Edmonton on Thursday of the suicide south of Beaver Lake on Sunday last of Al. Hutchinson, a young man of 30, of shooting himself. He is said to have been despondent over a love affair.

The Houde murder charge has been dragging along before the magistrate this week. On Thursday John Peacock, one of the witnesses, was committed to the cells, his vague and unsatisfactory answers arousing the comment of the magistrate.

W. J. Southam, one of the international secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. spoke to a large audience in the Edmonton Opera house on behalf of the movement last Sunday afternoon.

Something of a novelty in the way of a fruit and confectionery stand is being established by the Edmonton pure candy works who have a candy manufacturing establishment on Rice street back of the Pendennis Hotel. They have erected a large tent on the old hotel foundation at the corner of Rice and McDougall streets, opposite the post office that will seat at least 150 people where they will serve ice cream and soft drinks and have, for sale a full line of candies of their own manufacture as well as fruits, nuts, etc.

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April Eighteenth.

(The sentiments of a citizen of San Francisco on the first anniversary of the great earthquake).

Rather rude, that other April back in nineteen hundred six, When we hugged our nights close and sprinkled through a rain of bricks;

Even yet, with modest blushes, we remember with a shock, How we did the living picture as we galloped round the block.

Seared? Oh never! We were calm as an old camp meeting psalm, (Throw your silver in the sink and grab the cat and get away).

You can start a palpitation, scare us up to beat damnation,

But the best home in creation is old 'Frisco by the Bay.

There was smoke and fire and ruin and calamity to burn,

But we've saved the cat and parrot, and we didn't give a darn;

Then we scraped away the ashes, and we hummed a little verse,

And we cooked our muddy coffee,

thanking God it wasn't worse.

Let her come again who cares? We are used to little scares.

We may see our homes go heavenward in smoke and fade away,

But we'll take our old stew kettles, and we'll camp in finest fetters,

Till the old earth's stomach settles under 'Frisco by the Bay.

Hear the hammers click and clatter?

Heed the donkey engines snore? We are making San Francisco four times bigger than before;

Four times bigger, four times better for a thousand years to come;

Four times best of all creation, and we guess that's going some!

Bring your jiggle, bring your shock; make the landscape reel and rock;

Smoke us, singe us, scare us, scare us silly, but we're here, and here we'll stay.

You may jar the earth and shake us; you may build a fire and bake us;

But be hanged if you can make us pack our trunk and move away.

Lowell Otis Reese.

The Ottawa Scandal.

The Editor of the Saturday News.

Sir, - I presume it is always in order to speak well of the Press when one can conscientiously do so. The Saturday News is constantly improving. Two features of the paper especially commend it to me, namely, its sane and impartial treatment of public men and measures, and its sympathetic attitude towards the great agricultural interest of the country which must always be of paramount importance.

In your issue of the 13th inst. your comment regarding the unsavory scandals of Ottawa, strike a happy medium between the rather broad charity of Dr. Ross on the one hand, and the rather narrow sympathy of the Bulletin correspondent on the other. But what specially impressed me was the last paragraph of your notes and comments on this regrettable subject. "Does the Bulletin really maintain, as the above would indicate, that it would be a good thing for the country for a man to retain a high position in its service, after the fact that he is a moral reprobate is a matter of general knowledge?"

Of course I understand your question, as I presume everybody else does, to indicate a general principle of very great importance, without prejudging any individual case; which would be quite unjust. In stating that genuine principle you certainly strike the nail on the head, for the public conscience assuredly needs some shaking up on this point.

It is quite clear to the most casual observer that in the last few years,

that most pernicious doctrine is striking root in the loose and conventional ethics of many political pushers, that so long as a member of parliament performs the public duties of his position efficiently, his private character is nobody's business. Though I have been in public life over 49 years, in all of which I have taken a keen interest in public men and measures; it is only within the last two years that I have heard that dangerous doctrine unblushingly expressed, that a man may be, so to speak, a moral leper in private life, and yet a worthy and desirable member of parliament.

I confess a feeling of surprise that prominent members of the Dominion House seemed so ready to repudiate the thought of questioning the private character of gentlemen who were "able ministers of the Crown" and useful members of parliament. Is the leaven of this pernicious doctrine already working in high places? Certainly any member of the House might be excused for not wanting to act the part of "a detective", but surely every member from the highest to the lowest would be justified by nine tenths of the Canadian people, in showing himself the jealous guardian of the honor of the parliaments of the country, and for the good repute of the men entrusted to make the laws and guide the destinies of this young nation of which we are all justly proud.

In my humble judgment there is a great and solemn duty resting upon the intelligent independent press of the country at the present moment, to expose, scathe, and refute the monstrous fallacy that a man can be a moral leper in private life, and at the same time a worthy member of the Legislative Assemblies and Parliament of Canada. Yours truly,

Leo Gaetz.

Red Deer, April 15, 1907.

BORN.

Born At Wetaskiwin, on April 14, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stevenson, a son.

Lyon—In Calgary, Tuesday, April 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lyon, a daughter.

Calhoun—At Edmonton, on April 19, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, a son.

Millar—At Lethbridge on the 10th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Millar of Taber, a son.

Bliss—At Medicine Hat, on the 14th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. V. Bliss, a son.

Lockhart—At the Industrial School, Red Deer, Easter morning, March 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, a daughter.

Earle—On Sunday, April 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. (Rev.) J. R. Earle Red Deer, a daughter.

Reay—At Willowdale, on the 4th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. W. Reay, a daughter.

Collinson—On April 10, to Dr and Mrs. Collinson, Red Deer a son.

MARRIED.

Parker—Laycock—At Braeside ranch, Nose Creek, on April 17, by Rev. G. W. Kerby, Margaret Ann, eldest daughter of Thos. Laycock, to Charles, eldest son of Charles John Parker, Esq., late of London, England.

Howson—Vance—In St. John's Church, Cavan, Ontario, on Wednesday, April 3rd, by Rev. W. H. Vance, B.A., brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., rector of the parish.

Christopher Howson, M.D., C.M., of Stettler, Alberta, to Adah Marjorie, daughter of Robert Vance, of "Pine Grove," Cavan.

Whitson—Good—At the home of the bride's father near Vermilion, on April 9th, Anna Beatrice, youngest daughter of William Good, to James Arthur Whitson of Fort Saskatchewan.

Van Buskirk—Phillips—At the Manse, Fort Saskatchewan, on Saturday April 6, 1907, Grover Van Buskirk, of Ross Creek, to Lenette Phillips, of Tofield.

Birkett—Harper—On April 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, Lethbridge, by Rev. J. S. Chivers, H. G. Birkett of Cardston, and Mrs. Harper, widow of the late A. E. Harper.

Loiselle—Monette—On April 12 by Rev. Father Voisin, Red Deer, Jerry Loiselle of Whitford, Idaho to Miss Jennie Monette.

Loiselle—Hogaboam—On April 12 by Rev. Father Voisin, Red Deer, John J. Loiselle of Red Deer to Miss Marjory Hogaboam.

Wilson—O'Brien—On Saturday, April 13, at Knox church manse, Calgary, by Rev. J. A. Clark, Miss Laura O'Brien of Noel, Scotia, to C. E. Wilson, of the real estate firm of Wilson and Walker, Edmonton.

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Gayfer—On April 17, at Wetaskiwin, A. E. Gayfer, druggist.

Wilkinson—At the General Hospital, Edmonton, on April 21, from typhoid fever, Percy Wilkinson of Clover Bar.

Robbins—At Edmonton, April 13th, Cyril Oscar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robbins, aged 5 months.

Reid—On April 13, the wife of David Reid, Clara Street, Edmonton, formerly of Brockville, Ont.

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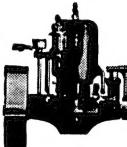
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The Blairmore Townsite

A Case Which Illustrates the Methods Followed by the Department of the Interior under Mr. Sifton.—A Review of the Facts Recently Brought to the Attention of the House of Commons of Which No Citizen of Western Canada Should be Ignorant.

Reference was made last week in the Saturday News to the debate in the House of Commons on the Blairmore townsite transaction. The opinions then expressed were based upon the fragmentary despatches that had been published. In the interval, however, the Hansard report of the debate comes to hand, which shows that the whole matter was very thoroughly threshed out and that the public is now in a position to learn just what the facts in regard to it are. To read and digest that report is no small undertaking, however. To do so takes a longer time than most men, no matter how keen their interest in public affairs, can afford to devote. For its readers' benefit, the Saturday News, therefore, proposes to summarize, in as short a space as possible, what was brought out in the debate.

At the outset, we would most emphatically assert that the matter is one well worth the while of western Canadians to pay close attention to. Within a few months after the Liberal administration took office, charges began to be made against Mr. Sifton's administration of the Department of the Interior. That it was reasonably open to suspicion will be found to deny.

Definite charges were in time preferred but in most cases they fell through. So often did this happen that many good citizens began to pay no attention whatever when a new one was made. They can hardly be blamed. It is not the pleasantest task in the world to wade through the details of matters of administration in order to settle whether an accusation against a public man is correct or not. Having done so once or twice and found that the accuser had been simply raising the cry of "Wolf, Wolf" when there was no wolf, they fell into the habit of disregarding all charges that came from the same quarter as those they had investigated.

This is the treatment that many will undoubtedly be disposed to give the Blairmore case. It is on that account that we intend to enter into it fully, for we believe that it must show to every unprejudiced citizen that all the suspicions that were directed against Mr. Sifton's administration were fully justified. What is more, the attempt to defend the steps that were taken in his time does not redound with any credit either to his successor, Mr. Oliver, or to those who are associated with him in the cabinet and in the House.

The principal facts in the case have been already stated in these columns. But for the benefit of those whose interest is but recently aroused, it will be well to re-state them.

On the 25th June, 1901, the department issued a patent for the townsite of Blairmore, on the Crow's Nest line of the C.P.R., to Malcolm MacKenzie, the Liberal representative of McLeod in the Alberta Legislature, and an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Commons, at the last general elections. There had been several claimants to the property on the ground of squatter's rights. Two of them were Felix Montalbetti, a C.P.R. section hand, and H. E. Lyon, now a merchant, having places of business in Blairmore and other Crow's Nest towns. On the 8th of July Montalbetti had assigned his claims to MacKenzie. On the 18th Mr. Turiff, then Commissioner of Dominion Lands, who is now the Liberal member for East Assiniboia in the House of Commons, decided in favor of Montalbetti's claim and despite the fact that Lyon's attorneys protested against the haste with which action was taken and stated that evidence could be brought from Blairmore to Ottawa to disprove Montalbetti's statements, the patent was issued to MacKenzie without delay. He was given the right to purchase the land, the value of which is now estimated at \$200,000, for \$480 or \$3 an acre.

Lyon then began to take steps to have the patent cancelled. As those who are acquainted with proceedings in such cases well understand, it became necessary for him to secure the co-operation of the Crown before he could obtain legal standing. This was given by the Minister of Justice, Hon. David Mills, on the 10th of November, 1901, while Mr. Sifton was absent from Ottawa, it appears. A flat was issued and the case came before the Exchequer Court, the claim being made that the patent had been issued as a result of fraud and misrepresentation. Justice Wetmore of Moosomin, the oldest and one of the most respected judges in the Northwest, was nominated as special referee. In August, 1902, he went to Blairmore to make investigation.

His report is a lengthy one. As he states, it is upon questions of facts not upon questions of law and the principal fact that he established was that Montalbetti's claim was founded upon fraud.

"The untruthful statements and misrepresentations," said Judge Wetmore "which I have found to be made in this (Montalbetti's) declaration are so many and are of such a character that I cannot resist the conclusion that they were fraudulently made with the intention of improperly influencing the minds of the officials of the Department of the Interior in determining to whom the right to purchase the land in question should be given."

Early in 1900 Lyon commenced to build a store on the land. Referring to it, Justice Wetmore said: "I find that it was the first building that was placed on the land by any of the parties to this suit with any idea of permanent location on it or squatting on it."

With Justice Wetmore's report as referee filed, the case came before Justice Burbidge of the Exchequer Court at Ottawa on March 20th. Two quotations from what Justice Burbidge said on that occasion may be given:

"The evidence that has been taken and the report of the learned referee show, I think, very clearly that if one has regard to the quarter section as a whole, neither Montalbetti or Lyon had such a right (to purchase the land at \$3 an acre) or any equitable claim, to the consideration of the Crown."

This is a statement which government supporters are laying stress on. It meant that despite Justice Wetmore's finding regarding the erection of Lyon's store, Lyon had no claim to the quarter section that could be enforced at law.

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The Commissioner of Lands, Mr. Turiff, in his evidence had stated that he would have given the decision that he did, even if Montalbetti's affidavit, which Justice Wetmore declared false, had not been before him. "I am not sure that I fully understand what he meant by that" says Justice Burbidge. Further evidence, he thought, should be taken before the motion to set aside the patent was disposed of. The motion therefore stood over for further consideration.

That Justice Burbidge was willing to set aside the patent is made clear by a letter from Mr. Chrysler, the solicitor for the Minister of the Interior, to Mr. Sifton, written the day that the judge uttered the above words.

"The judge is prepared" writes Mr. Chrysler "to set aside the patent granted to Mackenzie, if the Crown desires to do so."

How much the Crown (in this the case the Department of the Interior) desired to have the patent cancelled that had been granted to a man on fraudulent representations, soon became apparent. Letters from Mr. Sifton to Mr. Fitzpatrick, who had succeeded Mr. Mills as Minister of Justice, are in evidence, asking for the withdrawal of the flat. If this were done, the case would collapse, as has been explained, Lyon being left with no legal standing. Proceedings dragged along till May 13, 1904, when the case again came before the Exchequer Court and was dismissed. On that date Mr. Chrysler wrote to the deputy minister of Justice: "I attended this morning upon the return of the motion for judgment in this case, and pursuant to your instructions, asked that the action should be dismissed without costs."

That ended it. Mr. Mackenzie retained his patent. Justice Burbidge could not cancel it except with the consent of the Crown, even though he was willing to do so.

This is the case in its broadest outlines. Now let us look at a few of its details and at the attempt which was made in the House to defend the department's action.

Mr. Turiff was the first speaker on the Government side. Referring to his decision as commissioner of lands he said: "I gave what I considered then was a right and proper decision, and I have had no reason from that day to this to change my opinion in any respect that it was a proper decision."

Yet Justice Wetmore declared that the man, whose claim was upheld by the commission, had made in support of that claim fraudulent declarations by the wholesale. Does the public think, with this fact before it, that Mr. Turiff's decision was a proper one?

As a squirm, Mr. Turiff is hard to beat. We have noted how Justice Burbidge said that he did not understand Mr. Turiff's assertion that his decision would have been the same apart from Montalbetti's affidavits. Nor can anyone else understand it. Does he think he can stand the public off by a general statement such as this? Fortunately part of Montalbetti's statement of defence takes the wind quite out of Mr. Turiff's sails. It reads:

"The said defendant, Montalbetti says that when the said application was made by him for a patent of the lands in question, the only representations that were made by him to the Department of the Interior or to the Minister or any of the officials thereof was contained in the said statutory declaration."

Does it not strike one as rather remarkable that the Department

should, as Mr. Turiff said it did, uphold a claim for reasons not advanced and evidently not in the mind of the claimant?

Mr. Turiff throughout his speech kept repeating that the case had been dismissed on its merits. "If the decision I gave was wrong, at all events it has been sustained by the Exchequer Court." We have seen the extent to which it was sustained. Justice Wetmore found Montalbetti's claims quite fraudulent and Justice Burbidge would have cancelled the patent if the Crown had allowed him to do so.

Mr. Turiff stated that when sitting as commissioner on the case he had given everyone a fair hearing. Let us see whether he did or not, for it has an important bearing on the whole case.

It was on the 8th of July, 1901, that Montalbetti assigned his claim to Mackenzie. The consideration was to be \$1000 but at the time of Justice Wetmore's report not a cent of this had been paid and the Judge noted that Montalbetti did not hold a scratch of a pen by way of security. Eleven days later the commissioner gave his decision and six days after that the patent was issued. Mr. Mackenzie certainly had no reason to be dissatisfied with the speed with which the matter was settled, once he had secured the assignment of the claim. The haste with which it was rushed through is rather extraordinary in itself. It is all the more extraordinary in view of the fact that on the 10th of July, Mr. Lyon's solicitors wrote and protested against the patent being issued before Lyon could bring before the department facts to combat Montalbetti's claim. Lyon was at that time in Blairmore, not in Ottawa, and it was impossible for him to give his evidence before the commissioner by the 18th. The only reply was that the hearing would proceed. It did proceed and the commissioner gave his decision. On the 22nd, Lyon's solicitors made protest again, stating that Lyon could prove that Montalbetti's contentions were exactly as Justice Wetmore later found them to be. The solicitors of another claimant, Alexander Moffatt, wrote to much the same effect on the same date. But on July 25 the patent was issued.

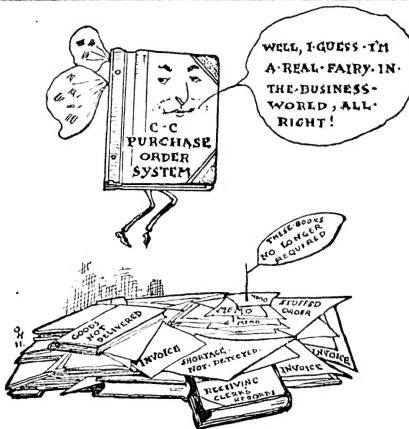
And this is what Mr. Turiff calls a fair hearing.

So much for Mr. Turiff. Let us see what Hon. Mr. Oliver had to say. The former, it should be remembered, was himself concerned in the transactions complained of. It was not surprising that he should quibble. But what are we to think of the Minister of the Interior? Why should he be anything but straightforward in the matter?

"The gentleman who felt himself to be aggrieved" he said in one place "asked the privilege of having his rights tried out in the courts. He was given the privilege, his rights were tried out in the courts, judgment was delivered, which judgment did not concede to him the rights that he demanded and these gentlemen hold the Department of the Interior responsible for that action of the court. What do these gentlemen want in the way of administration?"

It is true, as the Minister says, that Justice Burbidge held that Lyon had no rights in the matter that could be enforced by law. But he evades the whole point of the argument against the Department. If it wished, it could have had the whole town site back in its possession. Under sections 102 and 107 of the Lands Act it could then dispose of it for the advantage of the country at large. But if it felt it had to give it all away to somebody, it could have given it to the claimant who according to Justice Wetmore,

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—Kipling.

I often wonder when I attend a theatre why it is that actors and actresses almost invariably make the veriest idiots of themselves (written please on Tuesday) when it comes to depicting scenes in which love-making is the business in hand.

Is it that the art of making love is in itself so difficult? Mercy me! has the day arrived when a man or woman, a boy or girl, doesn't take as naturally to the part as ducks to water. A kindling of the eye, a touch of the hand, a word, a thousand trifles, is it then so hard a thing? Yet on the stage what have we but Alonzo rushing frantically forward, white to the lips, with a shriek of "Marie, falsest of women, Serpent thou hast killed thy admirer!" Or an equally excitable Juliet performing the most remarkable stunts across the stage the while she mutters some unintelligible sing-song about dear knows what.

If this be love-making, say I to myself, how in the world are so many sensible people married?

Think what a perfect turmoil we should be constantly living in, did John and Jane and Mrs. de Smythe and her middle aged lover conduct their love affairs after this fashion. But it is not for one moment to be thought of.

If we must have such strenuous exhibitions of the gentle art, let it be on the boards of a theatre, where perhaps, after all, they really like it, while we, common mortals of an every day world, may still breathe easily, without the unhappy sensation of a jealous fellow's stiletto in our immediate vicinity.

This little tirade brings me to the point I started off at, to glance at an absolutely delightful comedy sketch, "The Tyranny of Tears," which has to do with a small coterie of admirable yet matter-of-fact persons, with whom we are quite at home. There is the principle character, Clement Parbury, a charming author of the day, a type of the cultured man you might meet at any street corner, who is living his life as he conceives it, and is vaguely discomfited when the pattern comes out wrong.

Second only in interest is Mrs. Parbury, a soft-cheeked gentle-handed ministrant who would have husbands happy, provided they showed the chivalrous courtesy of becoming so in woman's way. She knows the rules of the game, according as her sex interprets them, and

it never enters her ingenious mind that "in marriage there are two ideals to be realized." Thus does she make her gentle progress, the victim beside her crowned with garlands, but yet a victim. She is the arch destroyer, the Juggernaut in muslin.

Three other characters who might very well be any one you know, complete the cast. George Gunning, a worldly-wise and life-long friend of Mr. Parbury's, who has been globe-trotting since his friend's marriage six years since; Mrs. Parbury's father Col. Armitage, a frisky old widower who needs a second martyrdom to bring him to order, and (cherchez-la-femme) Miss Woodward, the author's secretary, whom Mr. Parbury describes as a very triumph of the negative, a something that is always in the right place at the right time, and yet of whose presence one is pleasantly unconscious. (Wives take notice!)

As I said these fellow puppets move amongst the most familiar surroundings; the setting of the play being Mr. Parbury's delightfully artistic home, where up to the opening of the first act things have moved along more or less (rather less I imagine) smoothly until George Gunning appears on the scene to beckon his friend out of the fool's paradise in which he has been living.

As usual the climax is brought about by the merest trifle. When George Gunning arrives in London his first thought is of his old-time friend; what better can he do than look him up?

Action is only second to the thought, and, as the first scene opens, we find Mr. Gunning proceeding down the path from Mr. Parbury's house. Mrs. Parbury, thoughtful creature, having decided that her husband is too busy to be disturbed for such a trifling as this old time friend, for whom, woman-wise, she has immediately conceived the most violent jealousy and dislike.

Having disposed of Mr. Gunning this unselfish wife consents to pass on his card to her husband, who, naturally, is most terribly abashed at finding out the insult his friend has suffered at his house, and after a chase he discovers him just leaving the grounds. Brought back and made much of—by Mr. Parbury—unhappy Mr. Gunning proposes that his host come for a three days' sail with him which precipitates the whole trouble.

Do some husbands need to be told what ensues? Do scores of wives anticipate the result? (There are tyrants of husbands as well as victims of wives you know and it would be interesting to count them up).

In any case Mr. Parbury (for business reasons, poor old mother-eaten excuse) has the pleasure of announcing that "he's awfully sorry, old chap but it's really absolutely impossible for me to go. Which lie doesn't in the least take in nice, worldly-wise George Gunning any more than it does the scores of other people who hear it daily.

As well to speak out plainly once for all and say—"I can't come because I'm not allowed; if I do there'll be the very old mischief to pay, and since I've taken this man or woman for better or worse, I'm personally all for peace and a quiet life."

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Sunny Alberta

Adolphe Johnson, a blacksmith,
has been arrested in Red Deer on a
charge of counterfeiting. Some fifty
cent pieces, believed to have been
manufactured by him, have been in
circulation about town.

The Frank Paper announces that
the construction of a Government
long-distance telephone line to Mc-
Leod has already commenced. Not an
inkling of the government's
plans in this respect, it says, was
made known to anyone in the
district until Superintendent of
Construction J. H. Grierson made his
appearance in Frank last Thursday.
Mr. Grierson brought with him a
construction gang and at once estab-
lished a camp in the edge of the
slide. Then he went over the ground
visiting the different camps, and at
once laid out the work. Friday the
digging of the holes for the pole line
was commenced. Superintendent
Grierson stated to the Frank Paper
that the line will be built to McLeod
and thence to Calgary. He said
that the work will be carried on as
fast as possible and without interrup-
tion and that he fully expects to
have the line in operation to Cal-
gary some time the coming fall.

Hon. Mr. Cushing recently visited
Red Deer and looked into the question
of a court house site. The
Advocate says that it is understood
he has decided that his department
shall avail itself of the option held
by Mr. J. Carlyle Moore, on behalf
of the Government, on Rev. Dr.
Gaetz's block out Ross Ave., north
side, between the hallow and Was-
kasoo creek, for \$5,000. The block
is 500 x 25ft., is bounded by four
streets, and occupies a very com-
manding position. The Minister had
at first some doubt as to whether it
would be too far out.

Stephenson and Ilsey, hardware
merchants, Red Deer, have dissolved
partnership, and the business will be
conducted by Ilsey Brothers.

Exemption from taxation for one
year has been granted by the council
to the ladies college which it is pro-
posed to establish in Lethbridge.

A \$50,000 high school building
will be erected in Medicine Hat.

Rev. H. W. Sykes has resigned the
incumbency of St. Mark's Church,
Innisfail.

The Presbyterians of Taber con-
template the building of a \$5000
church, which is to include a club
room, gymnasium and reading room.

Discussing the death by drowning
at McLeod of Rev. F. E. Cory,
the Lethbridge Herald says: "The
sadness of the event is augmented
by facts gleaned from letters that
were in the office for the deceased
from his home in London, England.
One was from his widowed mother
telling of plans for the sending of
his fourteen year old brother to him.
Another dated a few days later from
a brother told of the mother's
instantaneous accidental death. Each
was mercifully spared the news of the
other's decease."

E. W. Day has been elected mayor
of the new town of Daysland by ac-
clamation.

Lloydminster has chosen the fol-
lowing citizens as members of its
first council: Mayor, H. B. Hall;
councillors, Dr. Hill, H. P. Lyle, N.
C. Lyster, J. Whitebread, Geo. Scott
and R. Adams.

The old opera house in Lethbridge
was recently converted into stores
and William Oliver is now consider-
ing a plan of erecting a new audito-
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OBJECTS OF THE A. F. A.
(Extract from the constitution of the Alberta Farmers' Association.)

This Association is not a political organisation nor does it purpose endorsing the policy of any political party nor the candidature of any politician and the object of the Association shall be

- (1) To forward the interests of the producers of grain and live stock in every honorable and legitimate way.
- (2) To hold meetings for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the production of grain and live stock, and the best means of marketing the same.
- (3) To encourage the production of superior varieties of grain, and the breeding and rearing of improved stock.
- (4) To encourage the establishment of industries which will give the producer greater facilities for marketing his produce.
- (5) To obtain by united effort profitable and equitable prices for farm produce.
- (6) To watch legislation relating to the farmers' interests, particularly that affecting the marketing and transportation of farm produce.
- (7) To suggest to Parliament from time to time as it is found necessary through duly appointed delegates, the passing of any new legislation to meet changing conditions and requirements.

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From	Wheat	Oats	Barley		
Edmonton	-	-	-		
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Fort					
Saskatchewan					
Vegreville					
Vermilion	14.40	8.16	11.52		
Lloydminster					
Morinville	15.60	8.84	12.48		
Stoney Plain					
Calgary	14.4	8.5	12.00		
Otoko	15.00	8.84	12.48		
Macleod	14.4	8.5	12.00		
Pincher Creek	15.00	8.84	12.48		
Lethbridge	13.8	8.16	11.52		
Raymond	17.4	10.2	14.4		
Cardston	18.00	10.54	14.88		
Clareholm	15.00	8.84	12.48		
High River	15.00	8.84	12.48		
Stettler	16.20	9.18	12.96		
Daysland	16.20	9.18	12.96		

The terminal elevators charge $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, per bushel for elevating and cleaning including the first 15 days storage, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, per bushel for storage during each succeeding 30 days or part thereof.

The rule of the trade is that the shipper is allowed ten days free storage, that is to say, if he sells his product within ten days of its entry into storage, the buyer pays the storage, after that time the storage is paid by the shipper. The additional charges are forty cents, and twenty five cents, respectively, per ear for grading and weighing. When advances are made by commission men it is customary to charge at the rate of 6 per cent on these advances from the time they are made until sale is effected on behalf of the shippers.

A Cardston correspondent sends the following important communication, which shows the excellent prospects of winter wheat in the south of the province and the usefulness of the work of the A.F.A. in securing better freight rates for the farmers:

Winter wheat is a fine stand, in some places almost too thick. The prairie is now green, but everything is late. It is estimated that about 12,000 acres of winter wheat was sown last fall around Cardston and there should be little damage to this recorded by the look of things now.

Owing to the labors of the A.F.A. we can record that freights on milling stuffs to British Columbia have dropped 4 cents per 100 and the rate on flour to Yokohama has gone down from 50 cents per 100 to 48 1/2 and now 45 cents. Our rate to Vancouver is now 42 cents per 100, Rossland 34, Nelson 34, Montreal 45 and Quebec 50 cents. So we can land

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ronize local men when their prices are right, and the above prices are published in order that the branches may know the local quotations are right.

J. E. Chipman, import and export broker, Vancouver, has written the secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade, asking for the names of any Alberta shippers of grain. Any one who desires to ship on their account by the Pacific ports might do well to get into touch with him.

An order in council was passed at Ottawa last week ordering that, notwithstanding anything contained in the regulations governing the granting of leases of Dominion lands for grazing purposes established by the order in council of July 27, 1905, the minister of the interior may grant a lessee of grazing lands permission to cultivate and crop such portion of his leasehold as may be considered necessary for growing of fodder for his stock. No such permission is to be granted for the raising of crops for any other purpose than providing for the stock owned by the lessee. A lessee must not dispose of any fodder so raised by barter or sale without the consent of the minister.

An order in council has been passed fixing the following inspection fees for verifying scales to be used solely for dairying purposes. For first ten pounds of their capacity ten cents, and for each additional ten pounds five cents.

The results in the judging competition in the recent stock show at Calgary have been announced. The first eight competitors are:

1. T. H. Tinney, Medicine Hat.
2. H. A. Skinner, Bowden.
3. W. R. Winslow, Lacombe.
4. H. T. Rix, Wetaskiwin.
5. Stephen Swift, Gilpin.
6. R. Smith, Edmonton.
7. Lancelot Everett, Wetaskiwin.
8. M. Godfrey, Magrath.

THE BEEF COMMISSION.

After many delays, it is likely that the beef commission will open its proceedings next month. The trouble has been in securing the cooperation of the other provinces and Saskatchewan and British Columbia have finally intimated that they will not take part. Mr. Finlay, however, has arranged with Manitoba to do so. Joseph Scallion of Virden, Man., and A. Middleton of Coleridge, Alta., who were originally appointed commissioners will probably act. Considering the importance of the question to the whole of the west, the action of the Saskatchewan and British Columbia cabinets, in first assenting to the proposition, and then withdrawing, thus delaying the investigation over many months, is difficult to understand.

No one is worrying over the crop outlook on account of the backward spring. The fact that there has been so little frost in the ground will make growth very rapid. Old timers universally testify that late summers do not interfere with good crops.

The Innisfail Free Lance makes the following admirable editorial com-

ment: "A few days ago when some ranchers were shipping steers from this point a clerk in one of Innisfail's leading stores sold \$100 worth of shelf goods to one man. This fact is stated to draw attention to the value of the trade done with farmers and ranchers. It is worth while to consider what class of people are contributing to the upbuilding of the town. The rancher with his horses and fat steers; the dairyman with his monthly milk cheque; the shepherd with his fat sheep and yearly clip of wool; the swineherd with his prime fat baconers; the poultry man with his fat fowls and well filled egg baskets, are the men to whom our merchants are always willing to extend the welcome hand and the friendly smile. These are the men the products of whose skill and labor go to build up the varied industries of the towns and cities of Alberta."

Markle and Hargrave of Lamont, who are extensive breeders of thoroughbred pigs, send the Saturday News word of a sow owned by them who gave birth to a litter of 9, second 18, third 13, and fourth 15. Out of these she raised 37. Two litters have been within a year and the last three inside of 18 months.

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The Mirror

(Continued from page 8)

Of course Mr. Gunning evinces no surprise (have I not intimated that he is worldly-wise?) but somehow his very silence rouses this much tried husband to a sense of his wrongs.

"George," queries the unhappy Benedict, "you know the situation?" Gunning. "Well, if one dares say so, I fancy you are suffering from the tyranny of a fascinating egomism."

Parbury—"I'm suffering from the tyranny of tears. How it all came about, I shall make an effort to tell you. To begin with, I suppose I'm fairly good-natured. Or say, if you like, of indolent habit, which after all passes for the same thing. Then of course I was in love—I am still. One drifted. It's so easy to give way in little things—really not unpleasant when you're in love. And then there's one's work, which fills the mind and makes the little things appear smaller than they are, I say one drifted.

Gunning: Sometimes, I if know you, you rebelled. What then?

Parbury: Tears! And over such absurdly paltry things. Oh! the farcical tragedy of it all! I wished to go shooting for a few days. Tears. I fancied dining and spending the evening with an old chum. Tears. I would go on a walking tour for a week. Tears. Someone would ask me for three days' hunting. Tears, you understand, always on hand. Tears—tears—ad nauseam.

That's all. I drifted, almost unconsciously, right up to to-day, for all the world like the man in the moral story book one read as a child on Sundays, who drifted in his boat on the Erie river towards Niagara. To-night, I'm conscious—I'm awake—I can feel the water gliding under the boat's keel, I can see Niagara. I don't like it. What on earth is one to do?

Gunning: Change it all.

With this laudable object in view, the conversation terminates, the next scene of interest being Mrs. Parbury's dismissal of her husband's secretary, for jealous reasons, and Mr. Parbury's stand for his rights and an ending of the tyranny that has robbed him of all happiness in life.

This he has decided to do, although his wife has made Miss Woodward's leaving the house the condition of herself remaining in it. And now listen to the wisdom of the poor worm who has at last turned. "Listen, my dear Mabel. Perhaps I'm a good deal to blame for the pain you are going to suffer now, and, I'm very sorry for you; in many ways you are the best little woman in the world. I've been weak and yielding, and I've gradually allowed you to acquire a great deal more power than you know how to use wisely. What's been the result? You've taken from me my habits. You've taken from me my friends. You've taken from me my clubs. You've taken from me my self-esteem, my joy in life, my high spirits, the cheery devil that God implanted in me; but, dash it, you must leave me my secretary."

With a purpose growing in firmness to completed action he sticks to his point, and Mrs. Parbury leaves to come back next day, a more sensible and infinitely wiser woman. The closing scene depicts Mr. and Mrs. Parbury having a quiet heart-to-heart understanding.

Mrs. Parbury has suggested going back and living it all over again.

Parbury: We can never go back.

Mrs. Parbury: Love counts for something.

Parbury: Does love without respect count for very much?

Would you like to go back to the

old way—the way of petty tyranny—the way of the cowardly unnecessary tear—the way of gaining your own ends at all costs—the way of being a spoilt child instead of a thoughtful and considerate woman—the way of my own contemptible weakness?

Mrs. P.: I never looked upon it in that light. I thought I was happy then.

Parbury: Because you never dreamt that my love was beginning to wear thin.

Mrs. P.: Clement!

Parbury: I don't ever want to think or speak of it again, but, today I must, for if we are honest with each other, we may be able in time to save ourselves from that most pitiable and hideous of all states of existence—what is called "a cat and dog life." Have you never seen it that domestic flower with the rotten heart? The thin outside petals of courtesy, of hollow words of endearment before others, mask the ugly truth from the casual and unobservant; but the intimate friends know, and the prying eyes of the spiteful are undeceived. That man and woman who appear in public wearing the veneered ghost of a smile, are walking in hell. Think of their private lives—the slow death of love; the hearts poisoned with bitterness; the ever growing rancour; the bandied insults; the swift thoughts black as murder; the final dull monotony of aching hatred. Do you think such cases rare? Every rank of society has its examples. Do you think such a couple have deliberately sought their hell? Oh no; they may have started as fairly as we did. Their love has not been slain by a blow; it has been pecked to a cup-board skeleton by bitterness—little jealousies, little selfishnesses, little insults, little tyrannies, little intolerances. The remedy for this is the old way for the wise. It is a pleasant way strewn with flowers, the flowers of self-abnegation—of a sweet reasonableness—of patient tolerance and enduring trustfulness. In that way lie peace, the fulfilment of our better selves, the full golden harvest of love.

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Alberta Farmer

(Continued from page 12)

P. Burns is reported by a Calgary paper to have stated in a recent interview that his buyers were paying from 7c to 7 1/2c per lb live weight for hogs and had difficulty in securing an adequate supply even at that price while three years ago they were able to obtain an abundance at 4c.

We see nothing astonishing about that. It is only when there is difficulty in securing a supply that hogs go to 7c. But aside from the theory regarding the influences that determine prices we wish to say that Mr. Burns's buyers who are paying from 7c to 7 1/2c for live hogs are conspicuous by their absence from Edmonton and Strathcona, 6 1/2 to 6 1/2 is the best that is going at these points.

Mr. Burns is to high not only in the price quoted, for to-day but also for those quoted for three years ago. At about that time Mr. Burns's buyers were refusing to take hogs at 3c and we know of one German farmer who brought in hogs a distance of 24 miles and was told that 2 3/4c was the most that could be paid for them and they preferred he would take them home again even at that price. At the time this occurred four car loads of Chicago bacon were being unloaded on the C.N.R. siding in Edmonton, and the price of live hogs in Chicago ranged close to 4c. That is the condition that drove the farmers of Alberta out of the business of raising hogs and there is little likelihood that they will re-enter it so long as the packing industry is in the hands of the men who are responsible for that condition of affairs.

THREE POINTED QUESTIONS.

The three pointed questions about the meat industry of Alberta are asked by a contributor to these columns.

1st. Why is it that a Canadian contractor finds it necessary to supply the mounted police stationed in the Yukon with canned and smoked meat from Chicago?

2nd. Why is it that the Alberta butchers, who complain that they cannot secure enough of live hogs to supply the local trade, pay less for them than do the American packers who find not only enough for their home demand but for the greater part of the bacon trade of Alberta as well, to say nothing of what they supply to British Columbia, Great Britain and the continent of Europe?

3rd. Does anyone think the swine industry of Alberta will thrive under such conditions?

EDMONTON MARKETS

The local wheat market has been

advanced 2 to 3 cents a bushel during the week in sympathy with higher prices in outside markets.

Deliveries have been small owing to the bad condition of roads.

Coarse grains show a firmer tendency, with oats selling at 27c to 30c per bushel by the load on the Market Square.

Elevator Prices.

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No. 3 Nor. Wheat 55 cents per bushel.

Lower Grades, 40 to 50 cents per bushel.

No. 2 White Oats, 25 cents per bushel.

No. 3 White Oats 24 cents per bushel.

Feed Barley 27 to 30 cents per bushel. Malting Barley, 30 to 40 cents per bushel.

Average price malting barley 35 cents.

HAY receipts of hay have been more liberal but demand continues good at prices quoted.

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Baled Hay in car lots

Slough, \$10 to \$13 per ton.

Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.

Timothy \$17 to \$20 per ton.

By the load on market square

Slough, \$12 to \$18 per ton

Upland, \$17 to \$20 per ton.

Timothy, \$20 to \$25 per ton

Sheave Oats, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

Straw, \$4.00 to \$5 per load.

Coal, \$4.50 to \$5 per ton.

Flour, Retail.

Best patent, \$2.30 per cwt.

Strong Bakers \$2 per cwt.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Prices quoted are average prices being paid to farmers in quantity

Eggs.

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Butter.

Receipts more liberal at a slightly lower range of prices.

Fancy dairy, 1 pound prints, 30 to 33 cents per pound.

Good to choice dairy, 25 to 30 cents per pound.

Dairy in crocks and tubs, 18 to 20 cents per pound, creamery butter 30 to 35 cents per pound. Old butter, slow sale.

Potatoes.

There is a more active demand for potatoes with a small advance in prices.

Good potato selling around 40 cents per bushel.

LIVE STOCK

Fat cattle, live weight, 4c to 4 1/2c per pound; dressed, 6c to 7 1/2c per pound.

Live hogs, 6c to 6 1/2c per pound.

Dressed, 8 1/2c per pound.

Live Sheep, 5 1/2 to 6 cents per pound.

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To reassure those who persist in the opinion that the winter is not over yet, it should be mentioned that the colored preacher has begun his evening meetings on the street corners. What the first robin is to the other cities, he is to Edmonton.

The park scheme proposed by the landscape architect for the beautifying of the capital is opposed by some of our severally paractical men who can't see anything worth while in what does not suggest dollars and cents. For their benefit, I would like to give the result of my observations in some of the great parks of eastern cities, which lead me to believe that these friends of mine would feel at home if we had similar places of recreation in Edmonton. I noted that every horse carried a check; each little bird had a little bill; every blade of grass and every leaf had a green back. There was always a large draft passing through the park and even the man who cut the grass got a rake-off.

The other day a splendid looking young horsewoman cantered down the street, riding astride. A friend of mine said he did not like to see her do so. The old style suited him better. Why it should, I could not see. A more graceful figure than the young lady in question presented could not, it seemed to me, be imagined. There might have been some reason to object, I said, if she went as far as her sisters in Eng-

land were doing and I related an incident, of which I had been told. In the old land young horse women are dressing out and out like men. They wear a long coat cut like a hunting coat, riding breeches and top boots. It is a handsome costume, but undoubtedly it attracts a good deal of attention.

One young girl so attired, was out riding in London. Pulling her horse up alongside an artisan she said: "Can you tell me if this is the way to Wareham?"

The man looked her over carefully. Then he touched his cap in a respectful manner and replied:

"Yes, miss, yes you seem to have got 'em on all right."

Cardston's electric lights were turned on for the first time last week. But the town's truly bright and shining light, Dave Elton, remains undimmed.

The Stettler Independent is authority for the statement that at a meeting of the Leduc Literary Society, when a discussion arose as to the best method to adopt to compel members who were in arrears to pay up, the president, Mr. R. T. Telford, M.P.P., calmly announced that in his opinion, "all who were not paid up should be dismembered."

At a meeting of the Linisfail branch of the Natural History Society, Mr. F. S. Carr read a paper on "The Snails of Alberta." The very title is a libel on the province. It stands to reason that snails could not remain snails in such a go-ahead part of the world as this.

A despatch says that the centenary of the introduction of forks is to be celebrated this year. Yet there are heaps of people who are not aware of the fact yet.

That other people besides Albertans are tired of the winter is shown by the following editorial note in the Ottawa Citizen:

Dear Winter Ramble, old chap, ramble! Raus mit you! Footsack! Allons Likewise, cut it out, and 23 for thine! And oblige, yours truly, Everybody..

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Denny—Yez did?

Larry—Yis; every bone in me

body fil loike a funny bone.

Lieschen Mother, can angels fly?

Mother—Yes, child.

Lieschen—Then I suppose nurse can, too, because papa called her "angel" the other day.

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The Week in Calgary

As Reviewed by the Correspondent of the Saturday News

Marie Hall's Visit a Great Musical Event--A Divinity School to be Established---Widening of Seventh Avenue---Motor Busses Run on Sunday.

A treat of rare excellence was afforded the music lovers of Calgary and adjacent towns when Miss Marie Hall, the world famed violinist, appeared in the Lyric theatre on Saturday evening, the 20th instant. The critics are all enthusiastic over Miss Hall's performance. The great secret of her success no doubt is that when she plays, the instrument, most sensitive to and most capable of interpreting and reproducing musical sounds, is handled by one whose soul is exquisitely attuned to harmonies but rarely comprehended. Miss Hall was genius, but that statement does her outscant justice. Her playing is ethereal, spiritual. There is no perfect art of course, but there is the soul of a great poet, a divine musician, breathing itself out in the tones which she produces.

Miss Hall's rendering of her first number, the "Symphonie Espagnol," by E. Lalo, is worthy of special notice even in a programme where each succeeding selection was received with almost breathless admiration. She had chosen well a solo by which to introduce herself. A purity of tone, a perfection of finish, a delicacy of expression and a magnificent sympathy were revealed at once, the symphony affording an excellent opportunity for Miss Hall's talents to find expression. In the "Old England Fantasia" a bond of sympathy was at once created between Miss Hall and her audience; then strain after strain played upon and intensified this feeling until at the close a burst of applause broke forth which would surely be a rich reward for any artist.

Miss Hall is personally most charming. The sympathy and sensitiveness of her nature are evident in conversation as well as in her musical work. She is English, though her accent is not marked, and she loves England, Canada she likes better than the States, because "it is more like home." True sympathy with her playing pleased her greatly. "It is such a help," she says "to be appreciated." And as one looks at the delicate, sensitive face and the expressive eyes it is very evident that sympathy it is a great inspiration to the artist soul of Miss Marie Hall.

The distinguished violinist is rarely favored in her accompanist and solo pianist. Miss Lorie Basche, Miss Basche is worthy of the place she occupies. Her technique is excellent, and also her style and command of tone. All her work was a delight, but perhaps most charm attached to her rendering of the "Wedding March and Fairy Dance," by Mendelssohn-Liszt.

Though Calgary will lack the provincial university, its future in educational matters seems assured. Already a girl's college has been established, and Western Canada College, under the management of Dr. McKee, is an assured success. This week comes the announcement of the gift of a site for an Anglican Divinity College by Mr. E. H. Riley, to be known as the "Bishop Pinkham College." Accompanying the offer of a site is a cheque for \$500, the first half of a donation of \$1,000. Though not very much prominence has been given the fact, it has been known for some time that an admirable site of ten and three quarter acres has been donated by a prominent Baptist for

the purpose of establishing a Baptist College in Calgary. The site is an admirable one, on the high land north of the Bow river.

A good deal of discussion has resulted from the action of the Calgary Car Co. in operating their motor busses last Sunday. Four routes were served, and the cars well patronized. The company are not violating the provisions of the recently enacted Lord's Day Bill, inasmuch as they are not a railway line.

It seems probable, however, that a very good case could be made out against them if any person wished to push the matter. As to the necessity or otherwise of Sunday cars, the distance from the centre of the city to the residential part of East Calgary, for instance, is urged as sufficient reason for the operation of some means of conveyance every day in the week. And it must be acknowledged that the claim is not without reason.

Apartment houses are soon to be a feature of Calgary's residential life. That they will be greatly appreciated, there is no room to doubt. Two companies are said to be planning such buildings on a large scale. One will be situated south, the other north, of the railway track. The latter at least is a bona fide proposition, and the particulars of the scheme will be made known in a few days.

A well known engine building firm of Toronto are negotiating through local real estate agents for a site in Calgary. They are apparently fully determined to locate here, and building operations may be looked for very soon.

Subways are to be constructed at First street west, First street east and at the Elbow by the joint action of the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The city notified the company about a month ago of their readiness to go on with the work. No reply has yet been received from the company, but it is believed that the delay is not intentional and that the work will soon be proceeded with.

The first meeting of the Albertan synod of the Presbyterian church is being held in Calgary this week. Formerly Alberta and British Columbia formed a joint synod, but at the meeting of the General Assembly in London, Ontario, last June, it was decided to subdivide this synod into two, the boundaries of which will be those of each province. Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton, will be the first moderator, and Rev. Dr. MacRae, Calgary, the pro tem synod clerk. Over 100 congregations are entitled to send delegates.

Following the Synod meeting, and beginning on Monday of next week, a school in religion and theology will be held. Rev. W. G. Jordan, D.D., professor of old testament literature in Queen's university, will attend the school and give a total of six lectures. Local men will assist.

The threatened shortage of coal has given an impetus to the gravity system. At the present time the waterworks department has on hand a supply of coal sufficient only for twelve or fifteen days. The council on Monday night gave Chairman Watson full liberty to procure any and all coal that he could. A system

independent of the coal supply is now felt to have a decided advantage. The man on the street, in weighing things up, has pretty nearly made up his mind that Calgary has got to have the very best kind of waterworks system good and soon whether the street railway has to wait a while or not.

An appreciable degree of horizon and horse sense was displayed at the meeting of the city council on Monday night when by a unanimous vote the aldermen handed along the scheme for the widening of Seventh avenue to the city solicitor to ascertain if the value of property was as represented in the petition, and if so, to frame a by-law for the desired expropriation. Of course, any other action was impossible under the circumstances, the residents of the street being willing to pay all costs. Never the less several of the aldermen showed that they had the interests of the city really at heart in the way they expressed themselves on the matter. It is likely from present appearances that the scheme will go through, only five owners in the district affected having petitioned adversely. If it does, Calgary will have one street which will be a credit to the whole city, one upon which traffic will not be congested, as it is already on Eighth avenue.

The Young Men's Club of the Central Methodist Church have presented their fourth annual report, and a very creditable one it is. Plans are being laid for further progress. An athletic meet is to be held on July 17th, when it is expected that representatives will be present from the athletic clubs of many western cities.

Immigration is pouring in. The officials state that the number of British immigrants is in excess of

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Alberta Farmer

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THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, April 25th.

Immediately after date of last report the wheat markets again became strong and have continued so, Winnipeg prices show advance of 1-1-8 cents to 1-7-8 for the week. European markets are awakening up and have made substantial advance during the week. Reports of damage by green bugs and dry weather winter wheat in Kansas and surrounding States are becoming more numerous and emphatic. Delay in sowing spring wheat crop in our country causes apprehension and adds strength to the markets. Crops in some parts of Europe, especially Germany, have been badly winter damaged. European demand is large, and large export sales are reported from Atlantic seaboard. Unless substantial improvement takes place in crop prospects soon we will have much higher prices. Oat market is firm especially for July delivery and prices 1 cent higher. To-day's prices are:

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The Week in Calgary

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last year, but that the number of arrivals from across the border is not yet so large. A bigger rush is expected later on.

East Calgary at least is to be well supplied with electric power. The Alberta Portland Cement Co. have applied for permission to dispose of about 3000 horse power in this district.

The electric light committee will recommend that the request of the company be granted.

The parish of St. Mary's are contemplating the erection of a new church, to be abreast of the times both as to architectural appearance and in providing accommodation. A resolution in favor of raising \$30,000 for the purpose was voted at a meeting of the men of the parish.

Chief Smart of the fire department has inaugurated a system of fire drills similar to those in vogue in Portland, Oregon, and Ottawa, Ontario. A box is pulled by the electrician, the number of which is unknown even to the chief, and the department responds. Hose is laid, the aerial truck and engines tested, life saving drill practised, etc.

The full band of the Fifteenth Light Horse, consisting of 45 men, leaves Calgary on July 8th for the Dublin exhibition. Two concerts will be given previous to their departure. The trip is made largely for the purpose of advertising Calgary, the city council having contributed \$2,500 towards expenses.

Three local cafes have been raided by Mr. R. W. Chaimberlain, the new license commissioner, and charged with illegally selling liquor. Fines were levied totalling \$450. The magistrate in giving his decision stated that there was too much illicit selling of liquor in the city and that it would have to be stopped. He is probably right, and has done the correct thing in making the fines heavy.

Representatives of "Success," "Pearson's," and of the Bailey Advertising Co., Chicago, who have been touring the west securing copy for their magazines, inspected the irrigation works adjacent to Calgary and expressed themselves as being as much impressed with them as with anything they had seen on their trip.

The meet of the Calgary Turf Club on Victoria Day and the preceding day, in connection with which the annual fireman's sports will be held, promises to be a great success.

The Mirror

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HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
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A Stander-By

The following advertisement appears in a fashionable newspaper: "Lonely lady wishes to exchange scandal with another; replies required only from those in the best 'society' etc."

Even if I had a chance of finding a counter part of the lady advertised for in Edmonton, I couldn't exchange two items of interest with her this week, scandal, gossip, and even the ordinary chit-chat of the hour, being either taking a vacation or resting up for some big event. As a matter of fact since the dance of Friday night, people have actually gotten to bed at a decent hour for a change, result, we have had less gossip and people will be better able to appreciate a break in the monotony when it does come.

I hear a good deal of talk of a Riding Club being formed, and several of the younger set have already purchased excellent mounts. The organization should prove a popular one, the rides in the surrounding country leaving nothing to be desired.

Interest in Bridge is on the wane, so far as the clubs are concerned, the two most prominent ones having ceased their meetings until the Autumn, when, no doubt, the game of games will again have a host of devotees, being too fascinating an occupation to shelve for long.

The first game of golf had already been played, three enthusiasts making the round of the links on Saturday. When I confide that two were newspaper men and the third a bank manager you will readily believe that they are certainly keeping abreast of the times.

Miss Benson, who was Mrs. Swainland's guest for more than a week, has been spending the past few days with Mrs. Harold Brunton.

Mrs. Ewing left on a short visit to Calgary on Wednesday, to be gone for four days, I understand the trip is in the interests of the Women's Home Missionary Society, of which she is an active member.

Miss Eleanor Taylor and her cousin of Ottawa are on their way to Edmonton, where the former will be warmly welcomed, after an extended visit in the East.

Miss Elizabeth Dunsmuir, daughter of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir, of British Columbia, was married in London, England, on

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April the 19th, to Mr. John Hope, Sheriff Laurier gave the bride away, and many representatives of nobility graced the occasion with their presence.

Sheriff Robertson's fine residence on Jasper Avenue was the scene of a merry dance on Friday evening, the occasion being the last social event to take place under the hospitable roof, before the Robertson's move to their new home on Sixth street, about the first of May.

The engagement is announced in Calgary of Inspector Shaw of the R.N.W.M.P. and Miss Thomason, who are being congratulated on all sides on the happy event.

A smart little dinner was given in their honor on Wednesday last of the week by Inspector and Mrs. Duffus, when the table was beautifully

arranged with exquisite ferns, daffodils and softly shaded candle in handsome silver candlesticks. Covers were laid for Miss Thomason, Miss Cardell, Inspector Shaw, Mr. A. E. Cardell, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Drury, beside the host and the hostess. The party later attended the cricket dance which was given at the barracks.

Madame Roy, with her bonny wee family, and her guest, Miss Ethel McCarthy, daughter of Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, the sculptor, have arrived in Edmonton for a visit and are staying for the present at Madame Roy's parental home, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Young's.

Miss Lottie York, this week's bride, was the raison d'être of a charming little tea, given by Miss (Continued on page 20)

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Home and Society

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Mary Reid of Fourth street, one day last week, when a number of the bride's girl and young married friends were present and spent a merry hour over the tea cups.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncan McLean leave Los Angeles this week for Sydney, Australia. Since their wedding they have been enjoying a delightful trip in Southern California, where, needless to say, that elusive sprite, Spring, is revelling in ideal surroundings, entirely forgetful of the fact that she and her travelling bags of green leaves and gay flowers, are long over due here in the north.

Wednesday evening the clever "Pirates of Penzance" found themselves facing rather more distinguished company than usually falls to the lot of these outlaws of the sea; no less a personage than the Lieutenant Governor and his lady, the Premier and Mrs. Rutherford, attended by the side, Capt. Worley, and his secretary, Mr. Babbitt, gracing the opening production of the rollicking little opera with their presence. Mrs. Blythe, never looked better, being beautifully gowned in mauve brocaded satin, elegantly fashioned, and trimmed with exquisite lace, her hair elaborately coiffé with handsome cut steel combs. Mrs. Rutherford wore a rich gown of old rose silk, trimmed with some lovely lace and the same shade of velvet, and looked particularly well.

Among the audience I noticed a number of prominent society folk. One merry party that numbered among its members three out of town guests, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Brunton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommerville, the Misses Helen and Gertrude Hudspeth, Miss Jessie Benson and Messrs Jaffray, Bowker, and Supple.

Others I noticed were Mayor and Mrs. Griesbach, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Bourchier, Miss Gladys Bourchier, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, with Mrs. Scott, Mr. Bowler Campbell and his daughter, Mrs. John Sommerville and Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Robert Mays, and Mr. Palmer, the Misses Abbey, Dorothy and Viva Sommerville, Miss Matheson and Miss Pat Matheson, Mrs. John Ross and Mrs. Holly Ross, and the Messrs Alexander, Graham, Round, Allison, Cromwell, Simpson, Seaton, Dunn, Carpenter and a great many others.

While it is hardly within my province to criticize the opera, I must be permitted to throw my little bouquet at Mr. Barford and his splendid amateur orchestra.

My word on it, one might close one's eyes and imagine herself in the really truly city again, listening to any of the first-class organizations. I wonder if Edmonton apprentices the infinite care and talent necessary to produce such really splendid results. Mr. Barford should have a gold medal had I anything to do with it. The chorus work too was a delight, while the various parts were in splendidly capable hands.

As in everything else, Edmonton's Amateur Operatic Society, under its gifted leader, is well able to hold its own with the best of them.

Peggy

F. W. Kerr B.A., of Knox College has been appointed assistant to Rev. Dr. McQueen for the coming summer.

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